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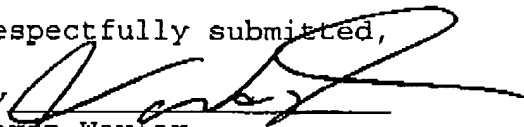
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 22, 2006. Claims 1-8 and 11 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 11 are the independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have so amended Claims 1 and 11 to include the limitation of Claim 9 and respectfully believe the § 103 rejections of claims 1-8 and 10 to be moot. Applicants additionally believe all claims to be presently allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

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